
Title: Sermon of Virtue III

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I further feel that rather than have the statement of fealty being left to each guild to express how and what they will pledge to the Regency, we need to have an actual Oath of Fealty that stands as the basis for those wishing to swear their allegiance to the Regency. This oath will be how all are judged for their purity of purpose and support of both the Regency and the Virtues. An oath, that if broken, would lead to dissolution of their ties to the Regency and the fleshing out to the community as a whole of their breach of loyalty to the Virtues.

And from this beginning we could establish a Regency of Virtue, one that unites us in Virtue and not divide us due to lacking Virtues. So let us begin to renew and refresh our Regency and reestablish our alliances through the Virtues to each other, our community, and the new Regency of Virtue. Let us bring light where there is darkness, truth where there is deception, compassion where there is cold indifference, and most of all, Virtue to our governing body, our reborn Regency of Virtue.

We all seek meaning and worth in our lives. To

attain these goals we
must rely on our
motivations as our rudder
to guide our actions.
These motivations that we
choose to be our rudder
are what determine both
our success in achieving
our goals and the type
of person we become. If
our motivations are
ordered, we will lead lives
of sanity and structure
while those choosing
chaotic roots lead lives
of discord and lacking
harmony. If we choose to
root ourselves from
honest motivations we
lead lives filled with
truth and meaning, but
choose falsehood and live
a life of lies, treachery,
and fraud.

Anchor yourself in
courage and lead a life
of honor and valor,
anchor yourself in
cowardice and your life is
filled with weakness and
fear. Derive your
motivations from love and
lead a life filled with
devotion and loyalty,
choose hatred and live a
life that is spiteful and
steeped in loathing.

The real question is
finding a root essence on
which to anchor our lives.
Where preferably all of
us, hopefully at least
most of us, would choose
paths of order over
chaos, truth over
falsehood, courage over
cowardice, and love over
hatred; is there a single
rooting that leads to
simplify these choices?
Fortunately there is a
rooting that once chosen
simplifies our lives and
leads to the desired
worthy life. Choose to
follow the Virtues and
your life will be filled

with the Principles, the Principles of Love, Truth, and Courage.

It was believed by Lord British that leading such a life would further lead to a life of order.

Thusly, Virtue gives us the strength of the Principles, and the Principles lead to a life of order and inner calm.

Further, a society of people rooted in Virtue is a stronger society, one of harmony, peace, strength, caring, affection, and goodness.

This is the society Lord British wished for his people, and it is the society of which I wish for us to be a part. A society of mutual support, reciprocated love, communal respect, shared responsibility, cooperative efforts, and inclusive acceptance. A community of oneness with the Virtues.

A Challenge

We follow the Virtues to have our goals rooted in the same firm base. We follow the Virtues to lead lives that are in harmony with each other. With our lives rooted in the same firm base and us living in harmony all through the Virtues, then why is there so much strife between the peoples of Virtue? I can see why we have different Guilds of the Virtues. First, there are Eight Virtues, which would give rise to many differing ways to base a guild in the Virtues. This is beneficial in some ways as having guilds which stress different Virtues leads to a sum whole

that will better be in
balance within the
Virtues.

We also have town
councils from both the
eight towns of Virtues
and from the other
towns that are not
represented originally in
the Virtues. All of these
groups also help to
strengthen our resolve in
the Virtues. Now we also
see alliances that are
binding some of the guilds
of Virtue together same
as has been done through
town councils. So what
we have is a quilt woven
by the intermingling of
the peoples of Virtue
through their different
associations. So this
should make our groups
stronger in the Virtues,
and to some extent this
is the truth, but there
is a problem, a trouble
with our quilt.

This quilt is strong, but
only in the center. This
is not true of the
periphery where the quilt
is tattered and coming
undone. And due to this
disruption at the edges,
the seems are weakened
and therefore more easily
torn asunder. Our tenuous
grasp of the Virtues is
only as strong as the
weakest among us. This is
part of the reason for
Guilds, town councils,
alliances and other groups
where like-minded
interests of the people
can be united to tread
the path of Virtue. But
what is there to hold
these different groups
together to an even
higher degree? Where is
the one true body of
Virtue that unites all the
groups of Virtue

together, to preserve
each other, to preserve
the Virtues and to seek
balance for the Virtues?

Once there was such a
body, one that held the
respect of almost all the
peoples of Virtue. This
body was known as the
Regency and it held
respect as it followed
the Virtues and upheld
the Principles of Lord
British. Many say it has
lost view of the truth,
of the origin of the
founding of the Regency.
Many have turned away
from the Regency, as
they have perceived it
has turned from them.
Upon leaving they formed
their own Alliances and
Councils as substitutes
for the leadership that
became lacking. This was
meant to strengthen the
Virtues in our society
but instead has weakened
our stand with the
Virtues. We need to
regain our unity and find
a pure body of the
Virtues. We need to take
back our Regency or
replace it with a new
Body of Virtuous Unity.

I would recommend putting
our questions aside and
renewing our fealty to
the Regency and mold it
into what we all know it
can and should become
again. This is not my
choice to make, nor is it
the choice of the Holy
Church of the Virtue. All
I can do, or that the
Holy Church of the
Virtues can do, is to
point out the obvious.
Sometimes the obvious is
so large we all miss
seeing the truth. But the
simple truth is we are
stronger united as one

and for Virtue to triumph we need all the strength and unity we can muster. So to that end I leave the rest to you, the righteous people of Virtue.

We here at the Holy Church of the Virtues offer any assistance we are able, but in reality it is your quest to make this become a reality. So meet with your guilds, councils, alliances, and other organizations. Get your leaders together and decide; for the time is now, not later. As I have said before, we are at the crossroads and do not have the luxury of time. Please accept this challenge in the spirit it is intended, the thrown gauntlet to unite in Virtue and stop the tearing at the edges thus weakening the seams of our quilt. This is your society to save, and through the Virtues, we can unite and save much more than we can imagine. Thank you.